



# VERGELEGEN CHARDONNAY RESERVE 2023



**95**  
POINTS

# VERGELEGEN

Extraordinary by nature

## FROM THE IWC PANEL

*“Really classy stuff, appetizing savouriness of toasted hazlenut is alluringly partnered by white peach and white apple flesh and just a touch of apple skin chewiness.”*

## PEDIGREE

### VINEYARDS

This Chardonnay originates from various vineyards on the farm. One vineyard has more shale on the Schaapenberg and tends to be more linear and mineral in its portrayal of the varietal. The other vineyards are on granitic soils, which are more textural in composition. The final portion comes from alluvial soils and is more floral and aromatic.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes are meticulously hand-harvested and sorted in the vineyards. Most of the Chardonnay undergoes whole-bunch pressing, while a small portion is destemmed before pressing. Fermentation takes place in barrels with varying NTU levels, utilizing both spontaneous and inoculated methods. Partial malolactic fermentation occurs in barrel, with periodic batonage, adjusted according to vintage conditions. The wine matures for 10 months in barrels of different types, sizes, and toasting levels, after which it is blended and bottled.

Alc: 13.5% | PH: 3.19 | TA: 7.2 g/l | RS: 1.6 g/l



## KEY TALKING POINTS

- Barrel Fermented in French Oak: Offers the palate weight to suit a variety of dishes.
- Crafted from estate grapes grown on Vergelegen in the well-known Stellenbosch region.
- Eco-Friendly Packaging: Labels made from recycled labels: and the bottles, capsules, corks, and cases are recyclable.
- We prioritise sustainability. Vergelegen is committed to conservation, with extensive gardens, trees, and biodiversity initiatives relected in our winemaking practices.
- Highly rated wine in several competitions attests to the quality and flavour.
- Vergelegen dates back to 1700 and is a prestigious wine estate showcasing wine production, heritage and hospitality.
- If you're looking for a wine that delivers both prestige and undeniable flavour, Vergelegen Chardonnay is your answer. Try it, we guarantee it won't be just another bottle—it'll be your new favourite.

## AWARDS

### International Wine Challenge

Gold Medal | 96 Points

### Platter's Wine Guide

5 Stars

### Tim Atkin, SA Report

93 Points

